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EXAMINER: Terressa M Boykin

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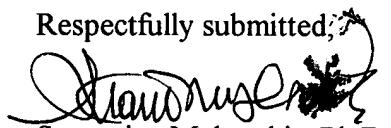
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#### **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office communication mailed 09/10/2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.